

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilor Wertz led a brief invocation.

Announcements & Presentations

Presentation of Preservation Week Award Winners - Recognition of Homeowners & Businesses for Historic Restoration & Preservation – Franklin Heritage Inc. (FHI) Director Rob Shilts and Mayor McGuinness came forward to present the FHI awards. Mr. Shilts thanked the Mayor and the members of the City Council for letting him present the awards to homeowners and businesses that have done historic restoration and preservation on their properties. The following awards were presented:

- Mike and Mary Riley - Little Charmer award 249 N. Home Avenue;
- Best New Construction in existing historic neighborhood – 250 W. Adams St., Habitat for Humanity;
- Best new addition to existing historic structure 291 E. Monroe St., Scott & Michelle Graham;
- Natural Beauty Award, 245 E Monroe St., Gabe & Ashley Huddleston;
- The Lifetime Achievement Award to Jim Drake of Drake Construction;
- The best adaptive reuse of an existing historic structure 25 N. Main St., Geek in Pink-Regina Miller;
- The Best Renovation of historical structure 14 Martin Place, Doug & Amy Heavlin;
- Best continued use of existing historic structure 100 S. Jackson St., Enoch-Reeves Law Firm;
- The Restorer of Old Franklin award to Dukate Fine Remodeling, Inc.;
- Kathleen VanNuys Historic Farmstead Award 86 E. St. Rd. 144. John and Sandy Ditmars;

Mr. Shilts thanked all of the award winners for the work they have put into these historic structures.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the May 5, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-05 An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (To be known as Custer Baker Annexation) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introductions

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-07 An Additional Appropriation From Drug Free Johnson County Grant Fund to Supplies 230-003-200 in the amount of \$320.36, and to Services 230-003-300 in the amount of \$1,079.64 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Police Chief O'Sullivan explained that the funds will be used to purchase data cards and a camera. A discussion was held. Introduced. Set for public hearing June 2, 2014.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-06 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2005-10 Regulating Traffic, Vehicles, Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places (Truck Weight Limits) – Mayor McGuinness read the title. City Engineer Underhill came forward and gave an overview of this ordinance. A discussion was held. Introduced. Set for public hearing June 2, 2014.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-07 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2005-10 Regulating Traffic, Vehicles, Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places (Truck Weight Fines) - City Engineer Underhill summarized the proposed ordinance. A discussion was held. Introduced. Set for public hearing June 2, 2014.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-08 An Ordinance Creating and Authorizing the Use of a CDBG Facade Grant Fund - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that proposed Ordinances 14-08 & 14-09 are for the creation of funds since both are for grants which were approved and awarded to the city. The money comes in and flows back out according to the terms of the grant. These ordinances are to create funds for these grants. A discussion was held. Introduced. Set for public hearing June 2, 2014.
Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-09 Creating and Authorizing the use of an IHEDA Housing Grant Fund - Introduced. Set for public hearing June 2, 2014.

2014 Paving Program for Informational Reasons- Recently Advertised for Bids - Mayor McGuinness stated this had recently been advertised for bids which are due June 2 by 4:00 p.m. A discussion was held.

Other Business

No other business presented.

Council Comments

Council President Barnett stated that concerning the sale of old city hall listed on the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) agenda; he would like for the public to know he thinks this building would be a great city court, but he is not against the proposed project; but he is against the building going to someone who does not have the necessary financing. Councilor Abban agrees with Council President Barnett this business does not have the financing to move forward. Councilor Austin stated he has always thought that this building would make a great city court.

Councilor Wertz stated that there will be an RDC meeting at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow. Councilor Wertz also stated that he and Councilor Henderson would take the councils comments to the RDC.

Councilor Henderson stated the RDC has done a complete review of this project, and will not move forward without proper consideration of all circumstances.

Councilor Wertz stated that he will be moving soon but will remain in his council district.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 05/28/14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer